USA FREEDOM ACT OF 2014

The USA FREEDOM Act of 2014 bans the bulk collection of Americans' private records.

- This bill enacts significant reforms to the surveillance authorities that the government has used to justify collecting Americans' telephone records and Internet metadata in bulk.
- It bans bulk collection by requiring the government to narrowly limit the scope of its collection, and makes clear that the government may not collect all information relating to a particular service provider or to a broad geographic region, such as a city, zip code or area code.

The USA FREEDOM Act of 2014 provides the Intelligence Community with the authority it needs to collect phone records in a more targeted manner.

• To replace bulk collection, the bill authorizes the use of Section 215 to obtain two hops of "call detail records" on a daily basis, if the government can demonstrate reasonable, articulable suspicion that its search term is associated with a foreign terrorist organization.

The USA FREEDOM Act of 2014 expands government and company reporting to the public.

- The bill requires the government to report the number of individuals whose information has been collected under various authorities; the number of those individuals who were likely Americans; and the number of searches run on Americans in certain databases. It contains exceptions for numbers that are not currently possible to generate.
- This bill gives private companies four options for reporting public information about the number of FISA orders and national security letters they receive.

The USA FREEDOM Act of 2014 reforms the FISA Court process.

- This bill requires the FISA Court, in consultation with the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, to appoint a panel of special advocates who are to advance legal positions in support of individual privacy and civil liberties.
- This bill enhances mechanisms for appellate review of FISA Court decisions.

The USA FREEDOM Act of 2014 brings Section 215 and National Security Letter nondisclosure orders into compliance with the First Amendment.

The USA FREEDOM Act of 2014 imposes new privacy protections for FISA pen registers.

The USA FREEDOM Act of 2014 prohibits the use of unlawfully obtained information under Section 702 of FISA.

The USA FREEDOM Act of 2014 extends the June 2015 USA PATRIOT Act sunsets to December 2017, to bring them in line with the current FISA Amendments Act sunset.